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1. FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES COORDINATING WITH NATO ALLIES REPRESENTED IN BULGARIA AND FOR EVENTUAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL, WOULD BE USEFUL IF SEARCH COULD BE MADE IN FILES ON 1970 OBSERVANCE OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY IN BULGARIA. CAN DEPARTMENT PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO CHARACTER AND TONE OF THAT OBSERVANCE AS WELL AS EXTENT AND NATURE OF PARTICIPATION AT VARIOUS CEREMONIES BY US AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES?

2. AT MEETING OF NATO AMBASSADORS MARCH 4 THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT THAT WHILE IT MIGHT NOT DO MUCH GOOD, IT COULD DO NO HARM TO APPROACH GOB ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS TO POINT OUT THAT ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY PROVIDES EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS THE BENEFITS OF EAST-WEST COOPERATION, SINCE UNITY BETWEEN USSR AND WESTERN ALLIES WAS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, A THEME THAT ACCORDS WITH CURRENT EFFORTS "TO MAKE DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE".

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